

Featured speakers:



Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian, State Library of Louisiana, will be the keynote speaker. Her presentation will focus on emergency preparedness and response lessons as well as strategies for public librarians based on her experience with Hurricane Katrina. Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast just 60 days into Ms.

Hamilton's tenure as the State Librarian of Louisiana.

Dan Wilson, Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine's (NN/LM) Emergency Preparedness & Response Initiative, will highlight the many risks inherent to Virginia. He will also introduce conference participants to a one-page emergency response plan designed for the continuation of core services and resources following a disaster. During lunch, Dan will provide instruction in designing and implementing a table-top exercise for your library.

Kevin Pannell, Emergency Planner, and Cindy Shelton, Central Region Emergency Planner, Virginia Department of Health (VDH)—Henrico District: will discuss the role of the Virginia Department of Health, covering state, regional, and local level responses, and including a perspective of local emergency managers as they create and plan for the library role for the entire county.

Anna M. McRay, Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management, Office of Emergency Management, County of Henrico Division of Fire: will share her perspective on emergency management at the local level, including the County's efforts to include library staff in more aspects of disaster response and recovery.

- Participants from both sessions who can stay for lunch from Noon to 1 PM will be together for a scenario-based table-top exercise.

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What About the Library? The Value of Libraries Before and After a Major Disaster

Libraries and librarians can be valuable assets to communities affected by a disaster. You're invited to attend a half-day conference to learn more about library roles in emergencies:

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2010 (morning & afternoon sessions)

Location: Twin Hickory Branch, Henrico Public Library, Glen Allen, VA

Registration Cost: \$15 (lunch included)

Click on this link to register:
<http://host5.evanced.info/lva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Free gift! All participants will receive a Midland ER102 emergency radio (a \$38 value).

